

Reeth Community and Gunnerside Methodist Primary Schools



“COMMUNIQUE”

18th February 2022

No.1 Spring Term

WELL DONE FOR WORKING HARD



We're pleased to let you know that pupils have been working their socks off so far this term. It's great to see pupils trying their best, taking pride in their learning and making super progress.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR CERTIFICATES

Well done to the children who have received good behaviour certificates recently.



BRONZE

Jenson Tyler, Josh Coates, Lucy Allison, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Arthur Pybus, Monty Rowland-Hill, Tyler Doughty-Coates, Luke Williams, Charlotte Francis, Jessica Rukin, Fern Stainsby, Faith Ackroyd, Ellie Dixon, Ruby Rukin, Chloe Reynoldson, Thomas Wilkinson, Daniel Pearson, Alexandra Barr, Reyoh Metcalfe, James Calvert, Jacob Coates, Mason Doughty-Coates, Max Barr, Sophia Guy, Ellie-May Teague, Brooke Longden, Amber Williams, Dexter Nathan-Thomas, Matthew Lea, Eva Tweddle, Charlotte Whitehead, Jayce Metcalfe, Thomas Bainbridge, William Bowe, Harry Pybus, Barney Lewis

SILVER

Robbie Wearmouth, Arlo Johnson, Mathilda Townend, Poppy Atkinson, Rowan Wilkinson, Luke Williams, Jamie Meffen, Chloe Calvert, Rhys Price, Morgan Price, Barney Walton, Jessica Dawes, Fern Stainsby, Monty Rowland-Hill, Arthur Pybus, Nancy Livingstone-Owen, Sophie Rukin, Arthur Pybus, Faith Ackroyd, Jessica Rukin, Charlotte Francis

GOLD

Charlotte Dixon, Jayce Metcalfe, Cataleah Bovis, Harper Asher, Alexandra Barr, Amber Williams, Clemmie Livingstone-Owen, Barney Lewis, Brooke Longden, Ellie-May Teague, Harry Pybus, Sidney Livingstone-Owen, Eden Frankland, Thomas Wilkinson, Thalia Calvert, Kane Longden, Lenny Haigh, Ben Guy, Jake Frankland, Daisy Richardson, Hazel Tranter, Coleby Teague, Sidney Haigh, Arlo Johnson, Robbie Wearmouth

FUN FELL RUNNING

KS2 runners have been out and about, with a jog up Calver to catch the sunset after school last Friday.



CHINESE NEW YEAR IN THE EARLY YEARS

'Kung Hei Fat Choy' from the Early Years!

Younger pupils have been learning all about Chinese New Year! They have learnt about the story of the zodiac and know that 2022 is the year of the tiger. They have made dragon 'blowers', handprinted super dragons, made up a lion dance in PE and even tried some noodles! They have explored where China is, have seen what some of the country looks like, and have had a go at saying 'hello' in Chinese for our register - Nǐ hǎo!



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES...

Pupils in our Year 1 and Year 2&3 classes have been using their new weather stations to monitor conditions outdoors each day. The children have been taking turns to read the thermometer, wind vane and rain gauge and then provide a weather report to the rest of their class.



YEAR 1 – THE RAINBOW BEAR

As part of their study of polar regions, Year 1 pupils have really enjoyed reading *The Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo. It's a wonderful book that the children have loved exploring. They have written their own versions of the story, and some extracts are included below:

'I am snow bear. I am sea bear. I am white bear.'

'I live in the white Arctic with hopping hares and slippery seals.'

'I see a rainbow! A beautiful shiny rainbow. It is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen.'

'I stay on the mountainside and think and wish.'



YEAR 2&3 – WITH SCOTT TO THE SOUTH POLE

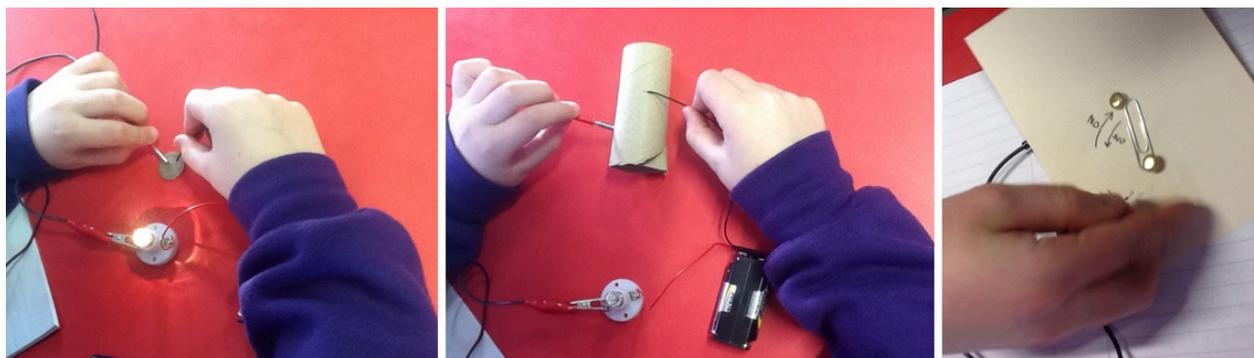
The children in Year 2&3 have been experimenting with different types of printing and have made a relief print of an Antarctic scene.



They have enjoyed learning about the Antarctic and the race to the South Pole between Scott and Amundsen. Their work has included studying the maps which both explorers used, looking at the geography of the landscape, learning about the journeys and their unfortunate events and writing diary entries as if they were Scott on the expedition. Quite a few parents have said that their children have been talking at home about Scott's adventures with interest and enthusiasm. Well done everyone.

YEAR 3&4 – ELECTRICITY

The children have been busy learning about electrical conductors and insulators in science, and have been making their own push switches to complete an electrical circuit.

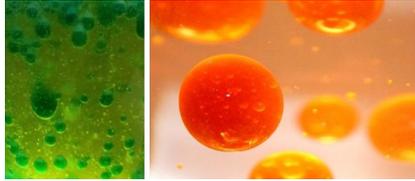


YEAR 3&4 – NETBALL



Pupils have been developing their netball skills and are now able to apply them competitively in a match situation.

YEAR 5&6 – MATERIALS



Mr Fremlin and his team of scientists have embarked on several experiments to explore the properties of materials, the most exciting of which was making and refining a lava lamp based on the reaction of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. There were some successful, and explosive, results!

STAFFING UPDATES

We are pleased to let you know that following a successful recruitment process, we have appointed Ruth Tarn as teaching assistant to work in our early years class. Ruth will join us full time after the half term break. One of our strategies to maximise learning is to provide a high staff to pupil ratio and this has been increased further in Early Years through to the summer. With support from Janet Seymour and Sarah Reynoldson, pupils will benefit from three members of staff every morning.

We look forward to welcoming Lynsey Dinsdale back to school after the holiday. Lynsey will work on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday each week and will join the staff teams in Y2&3 and Y5&6.

Having made a super contribution to our schools, Rhiannon Bell has decided to take on a slightly different role within school as relief teaching assistant. She will continue to be very much part of the staff team, supporting learning in our classes when needed. On behalf of the whole school community, thank you Rhiannon for your contribution to teaching and learning in key stage one, and keep up the good work!

Gemma Johnson has been working in school recently as a relief teaching assistant, alongside Abby Codman and Sharon Atkinson in Year 1. We are pleased to let you know that she will continue to support learners in this class through to the end of the school year.

CHURCH OPPORTUNITIES OVER HALF TERM

This year, Rev Linzi Blundell has been joining us in school each half term to lead assembly. We really appreciate her involvement in school life and hope that some pupils will be able to take part in activities on offer at St Mary's, Arkengarthdale, at 2pm on Sunday 20th February. Please find a poster attached with this newsletter.

TERMLY SAFETY DRILLS

We do termly fire drills with pupils at both school sites so that they are familiar with what to do if the fire alarm sounds. This term we also practised returning to the school building quickly, and, in case this should ever be necessary, we will include this in future drills.

WELLBEING AND WORLD BOOK DAY

This term we have focused on wellbeing in our daily assemblies, taking one of the five ways to wellbeing as a theme each week.



To help the children to engage with the strategies, they have been busy developing artwork to remind us all of these important ideas. We look forward to sharing the finished artwork after the half term break. On Thursday 3rd March we will celebrate World Book Day and this year we have decided to highlight the link between books and wellbeing. Pupils are invited to dress in either clothes that make them feel happy or as a character from a book that they really enjoy. We also invite all pupils to bring in a book that makes them feel great, whether that is happy, calm, thoughtful, excited or relaxed.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – SECOND HALF OF SPRING TERM

Please find below details of our after school and lunchtime clubs for pupils next half term. All sessions will start second week back (week commencing 7th March) and will run for five weeks, finishing week ending Friday 8th April. A 4:30pm finish time applies to all after-school sessions this half term.

Please email or telephone the school office to let us know which clubs your child(ren) would like to attend.

Day and time	School	Staff	Classes	Club
Monday 15:30 – 16:30	Reeth	Mrs Seymour	EY Reception Year 1 Class Year 2&3 Class	Gymnastics
Monday 15:30 – 16:30	Reeth	Mr Windwood	Year 3&4 Class Year 5&6 Class	Tennis
Wednesday 12:30 – 13:00	Gunnerside	Mr Fremlin and Mr Stainsby	Year 3&4 Class Year 5&6 Class	Ukulele
Thursday 12:30 – 13:00	Gunnerside	Mrs Guy	Year 3&4 Class Year 5&6 Class	Library and book club
Friday 15:30 – 16:30	Reeth	Stage 1 Cycles	Reception pupils Year 1 pupils Year 2 pupils	Learn to ride cycle improvers

If there is any aspect of school life that you would like more information about or wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact school. We'll do all we can to help.

G. Stainsby

Gordon Stainsby
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Feb

Mon 28th School re-opens

Mar

Tues 1st Swimming lessons start at Richmond Pool for 6 weeks for pupils in Year 1, 2 & 3 taught at Reeth

Wed 2nd KS2 and Gunnerside enrolled children assembly in Gunnerside Chapel

Wed 2nd Friends of School meeting, 2.15pm, everyone welcome.

Fri 4th Swimming lessons start at Richmond Pool for 6 weeks for pupils taught at Gunnerside

Apr

Thur 7th Easter Service

Fri 8th School closes for Easter

Mon 25th School re-opens for pupils and staff

Reminder – Dates for summer 2022 Statutory Tests

Each year the Department for Education set dates for statutory testing and all pupils in certain year groups must be in school to complete these on specific dates. Please find these dates outlined below:

Year group	Test	Dates/Details
Year 6	KS2 tests	Monday 9 th May to Thursday 12 th May 2022
Year 4	Multiplication tables test	Within the 3-week period from Monday 6 th June 2022
Year 2	KS1 tests	Administered during May 2022
Year 1	Phonics test	Week commencing Monday 6 th June 2022